

Murderer Sentenced to Life in Prison

Others sentenced to prison for assault with firearm, and drug convictions

An Elsmere man was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to life in prison plus 25 years for the murder of his girlfriend. Deputy Attorneys General Matthew Frawley and Jenna Milecki secured the sentence for Steven Pierce, 45, who was convicted by a Superior Court jury last month of Murder First Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. In July 2016, Pierce bludgeoned his girlfriend, Heather Stamper of Delaware City, to death as she slept in her bedroom. Investigators found Pierce became jealous believing that Stamper, 31, of Delaware City, was speaking to an old boyfriend. Social worker Stacey Murphy and paralegal Stacey Coupe assisted with the case, which was investigated by Delaware State Police.

A Superior Court judge has sentenced a second man to prison in connection with a 2018 shooting in New Castle. Evan Dayton, 20, of Elkton, MD pleaded guilty last November to Assault First Degree, Assault Second Degree, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In June 2018, Dayton and co-defendant Daquan Hammond, 24, of Elkton shot and injured 2 people sitting on the porch of a house on Rambo Terrace. Dayton was sentenced to 5 years in prison during which time he must complete the Key substance abuse treatment program, then 2 years of probation. Hammond was sentenced in April to 7 years in prison, followed by 2 years of probation (<https://news.delaware.gov/2019/04/26/4h-3/>). Deputy Attorney General Will Rasis prosecuted the case with assistance from paralegal Julianne Besznyak and social worker Courtney Cochran, following an investigation and arrest by New Castle County Police.

A 2018 traffic stop in Georgetown has led to a prison sentence for a Salisbury, MD man for dealing heroin. Shamone Price, 27, pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Deliver Tier 4 Heroin, Reckless Driving, and Conspiracy Second Degree, and was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 2 years in prison followed by 18 months of probation. In July 2018, Price was seen driving erratically, passing on the shoulder, and driving in the median along Dupont Boulevard. When Delaware State Police stopped the car, they found more than 6,000 bags of heroin and more than \$3,000 in cash. Deputy Attorney General Georgia Pham prosecuted the case.